

Comprehensive Plan Major Review

*DPD Presentation
to City Council*

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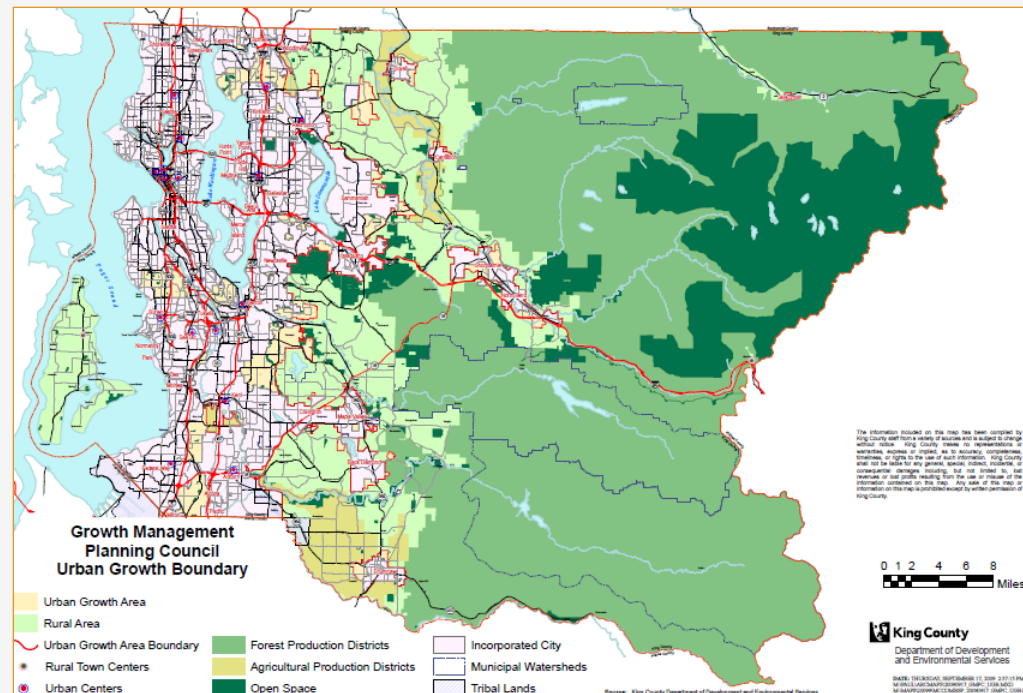
Background

- City first adopted the Comprehensive Plan in 1994
- Urban Village Strategy
- 1994-2011 City has added over 50,000 housing units
- 3/4 of those in urban centers and urban villages



State Requirement

- State Growth Management Act (GMA) required City to adopt a Plan
- GMA requires periodic major review of Plan
- City's last major review in 2004
- Next required in 2015 (deadline has changed twice)



Public Outreach 2011

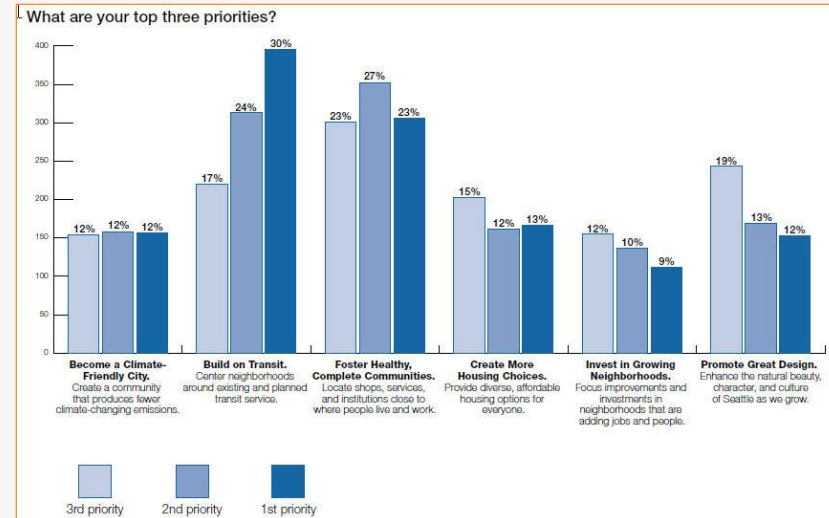
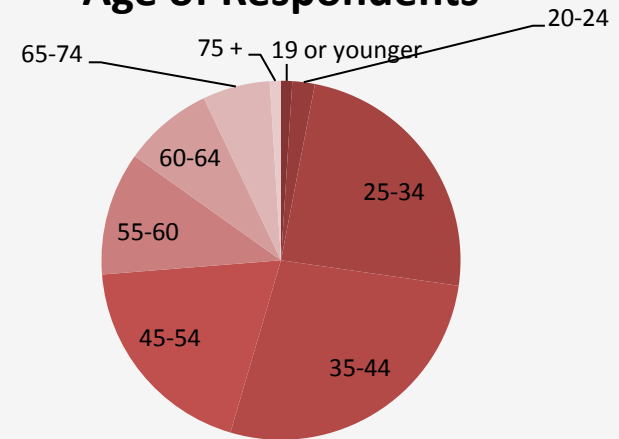
- Report
- Collaboration with Planning Commission
- Online – video, Comp Plan 101, facebook, twitter, listserves, questionnaire
- 4,000 hits in 3-months
- Presentations at standing meetings



Online Questionnaire

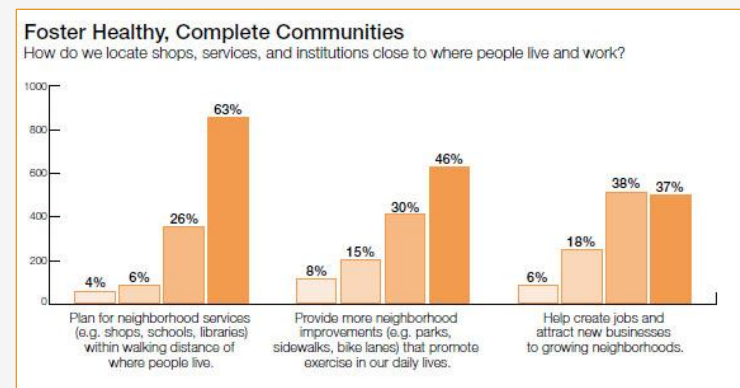
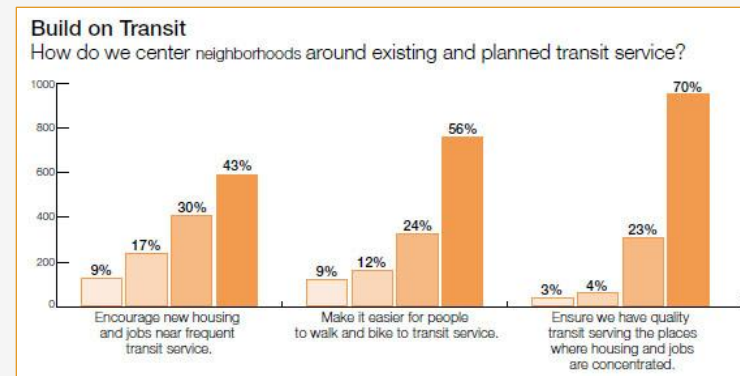
- 1,400 responses
- Most between 25 and 45 years of age
- 2/3 lived in Seattle 10 years +
- Multiple choice about themes
- Open-ended questions

Age of Respondents



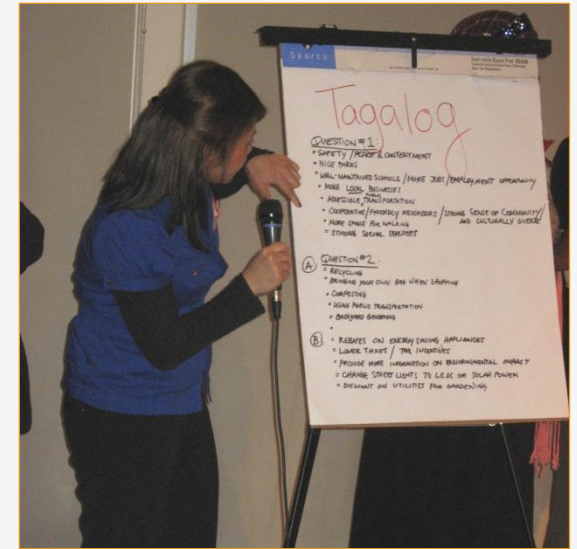
Questionnaire Results

- Quality transit
- Compact, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods
- Neighborhood services



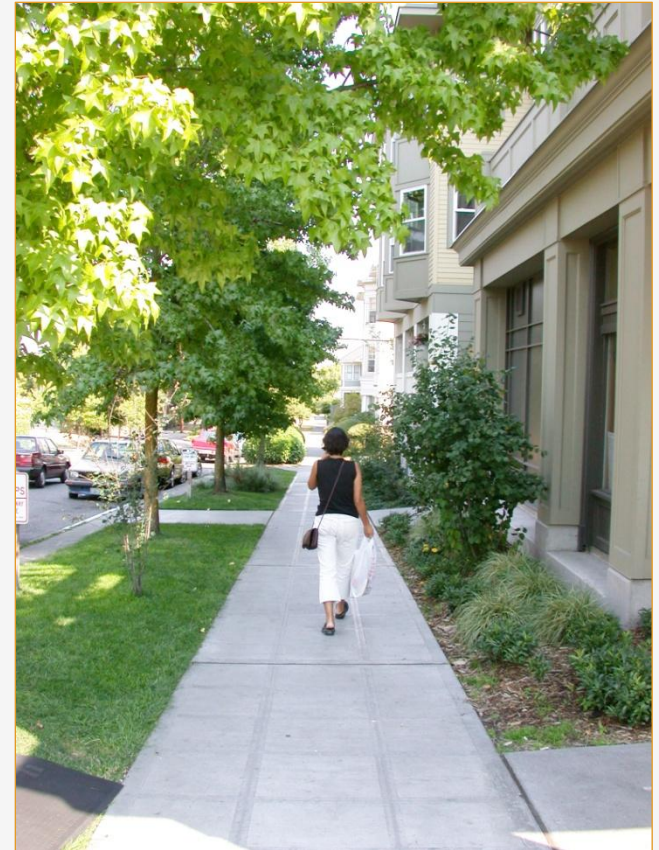
Transform Seattle Event

- 8 languages with POELs
- Over 150 participants
- Electronic voting
- Discussion groups
- Similar ideas emerged as in online questionnaire



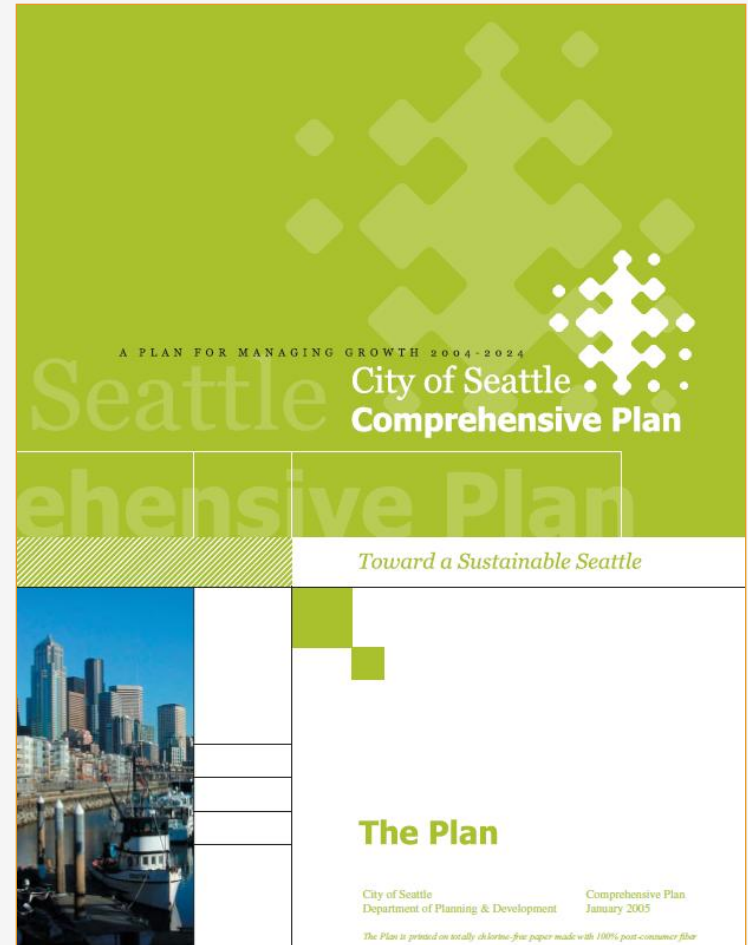
Themes for the Major Review

- Promote Economic Opportunity
- Leverage Growth
- Become climate-friendly
- Build healthy, complete communities
- Create housing choices
- Balance transportation investments
- Build on transit
- Invest strategically in neighborhoods
- Encourage great design and innovation



Format Changes

- Relationship to other plans
- Improve clarity, remove redundancy, focus on growth management
- New, more accessible electronic version



Schedule

- Phased approach, using annual amendment cycles
- 2012 continue public outreach
- 2012-2013 amendment cycle – develop policies on:
 - Climate Action Plan
 - Transit Communities Policies
 - Urban design
 - Access to healthy food



2012 Amendments

Climate Action Plan policies

- Land use
- Transportation



2012 Amendments

Transit Communities policies

- Land use
- Investments
- Transportation



2012 Amendments

Urban Design

- Natural environment
- Built environment
- Public spaces



2012 Amendments

Healthy Food

- Food security
- Equitable access to food
- Resilience



Schedule – 2013-15

- 2013 Continued policy development for transportation, housing elements
- 2014 Publish draft plan for comment
- End 2014 Mayor's recommendations to Council
- Council Action June 2015



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